

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of forming a zipper bearing carrier web comprising the steps of:

providing a zipper profile including a first interlocking profile element with a first flange and a second interlocking profile element with a second flange, said first and second interlocking profile elements being interlocked to each other;

advancing a first continuous strip of carrier web in a machine direction; and

attaching discrete sections of ~~zipper profile~~ said first and second flanges oriented in the machine direction at predetermined spaced intervals to said first continuous strip of carrier web to form a supply of carrier web with pre-positioned sections of zipper profile.

2. (currently amended) A method in accordance with claim 1 comprising the further steps of advancing a second continuous strip of carrier web and positioning said discrete sections of ~~zipper profile~~ said first and second flanges between said carrier webs.

3. (currently amended) The method in accordance with claim 2 comprising the further steps of simultaneously attaching each discrete section of ~~zipper profiles~~ said first and second flanges to said first and second continuous strips of carrier webs, respectively.

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